

## REMARKS

Claims 1 through 116 are pending in the application. The Office Action has stated that a restriction to the following species is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species 1 drawn to Figure 1;

Species 2 drawn to Figure 2; and

Species 3 drawn to Figure 3.

Currently, claims 1 through 17 and 86 through 95 are generic.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement because the claims of Species 1 through 3 are all directed to multiple-component tampon applicators and methods of making multiple-component tampon applicators. It is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of this application, with all 116 claims can be made without serious burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to comply fully with the restriction requirement, Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Species 1 drawn to Figure 1. Applicants assert that claims 1 through 30, 55 through 69 and 86 through 95 are readable thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,

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